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References FR 1 553 319, U.S. Patent No. 3,080,610, and DE 197 03 628 were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed August 21, 2000.

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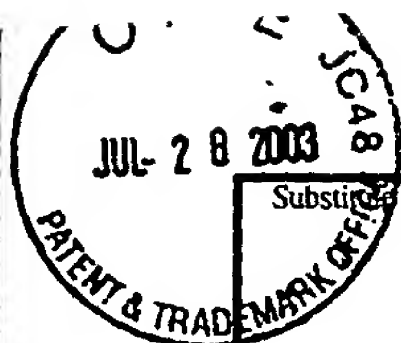
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